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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

OF THE

STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS

OF THE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1882.

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REPORT OF REGENTS.

DEPARTMEMT OF FREE SCHOOLS,
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
WHEELING, January 1st, 1883.

To His Excellency,
JACOB B. JACKSON,
Governor of the State of West Virginia:

SIR:—We have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of the Normal Schools of the State for the year ending September 30, 1882:

We visited all of the schools during their respective Commencement occasions, witnessing their public exercises which were all good, and some deserve more than a passing notice.

The teachers in these schools have been doing very efficient work and deserve commendation for their patient and faithful services.

We regret to report the resignations of Miss M. L. Dickey, Principal of the Fairmont State Normal School, and Prof. Joseph McMurran, Principal of Shepherd College. Both of these teachers have been in the service of the State more than ten years continuously. Both have been very successful and their faithful services were contributed at a time in our educational history which makes them doubly valuable. Their retirement is a serious loss to the teaching force of the State.

MARSHALL COLLEGE.

This institution under the management of Prof. B. H. Thackston, who took charge of it at the opening of the school year has fairly prospered though it was greatly annoyed by prevailance of small-pox in the city near by, as was the case the year before. Exaggerated reports got abroad and of course kept many students away. There is however a hopeful outlook for the school and we regard it as in a healthy condition, though not as largely attended as it should and

will be we think in the near future. From the report of the Executive Committee we make the following exhibit:

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation		$1,411 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

For teachers' salaries		1,411 10
Appropriation for repairs	$500 00	
Expenditures	483 76	
Balance on hand		$16 24

The enrollment of this school reached one hundred and seven during the year, four of whom graduated and received diplomas.

The Executive Committee recommends an appropriation for laying pavements along the streets bordering the College grounds aggregating $2,250.00, and also an additional appropriation for repairs to the building and the purchase of books for the use of Normal pupils aggregating $705.00; total $2,955.00. The attention of the Regents was not drawn to the need of pavement when visiting the school and we cannot therefore recommend on our own knowledge the necessity at this time of the work. The recommendation for funds to purchase text-books for the use of pupils applies with equal force to all the schools and we therefore recommend an appropriation for each school for this purpose. We also recommend that an appropriation of $300.00 be made for additional repairs to the school building and approaches, so as to make the rooms intended for boarders comfortable.

FAIRMONT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

This School under the management of Miss M. L. Dickey and four assistants, made a greater enrollment than ever before in its prosperous history. The enrollment reached two hundred and twenty-eight students, representing twenty-three counties of the State. Nearly all of these were actual teachers or were preparing themselves for that business. From the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee we make the following financial showing of the School:

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation	$2,000 00
From Peabody Fund	500 00
From tuition and incidental fees	611 99
Total	$3,111 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries	$2,665 00
Incidental expenses and repairs	195 65
Janitor	198 20
Total	$3,058 85

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$3,111 99
Total disbursements	3,058 85
Balance on hand	$ 53 14
Appropriation for repairs not expended at date of report, July 1, 1882	$200 00

Nine persons, five ladies and four gentlemen, completed the course of instruction and were granted diplomas. We renew our recommendation for a small appropriation to purchase cases for books, apparatus and specimens now in the School. A State Institution of the importance and value to the educational power of the State this is, should be carefully encouraged in its efforts to make permanent additions to its educational efficiency. No institution in the State has a more numerous or enthusiastic alumni. A very large proportion of them are engaged in the educational work of the State.

SHEPHERD COLLEGE.

This school under the able leadership of Prof. Joseph McMurran, enrolled fifty-eight pupils during the past year, nine of whom, three gentlemen and six ladies, comepleted the normal course and were granted diplomas. From the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee the following financial exhibit is made :

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation	$1,168 10
From Peabody Fund	100 00
From tuition collected	254 00
Total	$1,522 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for teachers' salaries	$1,427 22
Paid for incidental expenses	94 88
Total	$1,522 10

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$1,522 10
Total disbursements	1,522 10
Tuition uncollected at date of report	$85 00

By an unintentional oversight a recommendation for repairs for this school was not made in our last report, though money was badly needed for that purpose. There has not, in the ten years this school property has been under the control of the State, been any money given by the State for repairs though the house—a very substantial, large and convenient building—is perpetually leased to the State free of cost, for the purposes of a Normal School. Appropriations for repairs for all the other Normal School buildings have once or twice been made to each,—yet none too often—while this building has had nothing whatever. Some repairing in the plastering, painting, doors, windows, seats, etc., is now badly needed. We there-

fore recommend an appropiation of $500 for these purposes and $200 to purchase cases for books and specimens of minerals, etc., donated the school. Nothing can add to the attractiveness of our State Institutions more than to foster the growing inclination of their respective alumni and other friends, to donate valuable collections of specimens for the study of the natural sciences. Small appropriations should be made to furnish cases to preserve such donations.

CONCORD NORMAL SCHOOL.

This School, under the efficient management of Prof. J. H. French and his assistants, has had marked success during the past year. The enrollment reaching ninety students, thirty-four ladies and fifty-six gentlemen, eleven of whom, three ladies and eight gentlemen, graduated and were granted diplomas. From the report of the Executive Committee we make the following financial showing:

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation	$1,421 05
From tuition and incidental fees	103 25
Total	$1,524 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

For teachers' salaries	$1,421 05
For incidental expenses	90 98
Total	$1,512 03

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$1,524 30
Total disbursements	1,512 03
Balance on hand	$ 12 27
The appropriation for repairs not expended at date of report	$200 00

This school has shown marked vitality in the past year. The students came from ten different counties, from the Virginia line to the Ohio River. Most of the students are actual teachers. The enthusiasm of the students for the success of the School is remarkable.

WEST LIBERTY NORMAL SCHOOL.

This school, under the management of Prof. D. T. Williams, who took charge of it at the beginning of the year, has progressed in a very satisfactory manner. The enrollment reached forty-three pupils, two of whom graduated, Normal diplomas being delivered to each. The Treasurer's report of the finances shows the following summary:

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation	$713 60
From tuition of pay pupils	154 00
From contingent fees, balance, etc	96 48
Total	$964 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

For teachers' salaries	$867 60
For contingent expenses	125 68
Total	$993 28

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$964 08
Total disbursements	993 28
Deficit	$ 29 20
The appropriation for repairs was not expended at the date of the report	$200 00

GLENVILLE NORMAL SCHOOL.

This institution under the management of Prof. S. P. Lazear, who took charge of it at the beginning of the year, developed quite an increased attendance over any recent former years. The enrollment reached ninety-one, two of whom graduated.

From the full statement of the finances in the report of the Executive Committee the following exhibit is made:

RECEIPTS.

From State appropriation	$1,286 15
From tuition of pay pupils	214 00
From incidental fees	182 00
Total	$1,682 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

For salaries of teachers	$1,553 94
For contingent expenses	128 21
Total	$1,682 15

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$1,682 15
Total disbursements	1,682 15

An appropriation for repairs made March 6, 1879, is only partially expended.

Appropriation		$400 00
Expended in 1880-1	$20 40	
Expended in 1881-2	33 88	
Total	$54 28	
Balance yet unexpended		$345 72

We have again directed this appropriation to be expended on the school building which needs roofing, &c., very badly.

RECAPITULATION OF FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

SCHOOLS.	From State.	Other Sources	Total.
Marshall College	$1,411 10	.....	$ 1,411 10
Shepherd College	1,168 10	$ 354 00	1,522 10
West Liberty Normal School	713 60	250 48	964 08
Fairmont Normal School	2,000 00	1,111 99	3,111 99
Concord Normal School	1,421 05	103 25	1,524 30
Glenville Normal School	1,286 15	396 00	1,682 15
Totals	$8,000 00	$2,215 72	$10,215 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

SCHOOLS.	For Teachers.	Incidental Expenses	Total.
Marshall College	$1,411 10	.....	$1,411 10
Shepherd College	1,427 22	$ 94 88	1,522 10
West Liberty Normal School	867 60	125 68	993 28
Fairmont Normal School	2,665 00	393 85	3,058 85
Concord Normal School	1,421 05	90 98	1,512 03
Glenville Normal School	1,553 94	128 21	1,682 15
Totals	$9 345 91	$833 60	$10,179 51

RECAPITULATION.

Tootal receipts from all sources	$10,215 72
Total disbursements for all purposes	10,179 51
Balance on hand	$36 21

RECAPITULATION OF WORK.

SCHOOL	Enrollm't	Graduates.
Marshall College	107	4
Fairmont Normal School	228	9
Concord Normal School	90	11
Shepherd College	58	9
West Liberty Normal School	43	2
Glenville Normal School	91	2
Totals	617	37

Average actual monthly enrollment of *Normal* pupils in each of the several schools with the total number of months the State is chargeable with, and the actual number paid for, showing the deficit for the current year:

SCHOOLS.	Av. No. Enrolled.	Months.	Amount charged to State.
Marshall College	47	418¼	$1,463 87
Shepherd College	36	345	1,207 50
West Liberty Normal School	23	212	742 00
Fairmont Normal School	113	*909	2,000 00
Concord Normal School	56	433½	1,517 25
Glenville Normal School	46	387	1,354 50
Totals	321	2,704¾	$8,285 12

*Paid for but 571 3-7 months under the $2,000.00 limit.

The appropriation for pay of teachers in the Normal Schools was eight thousand dollars, it will therefore be seen that there has occurred a small deficit distributed among the schools as follows:

SCHOOLS.	Amount Earned.	Amount Paid.	Amount yet due.
Marshall College	$ 1,463 87	$ 1,411 10	$ 52 77
Shepherd College	1,207 50	1,168 10	39 40
West Liberty Normal School	742 00	713 60	28 40
Concord Normal School	1,517 25	1,421 05	96 20
Glenville Normal School	1,354 50	1,286 15	68 35
Fairmont Normal School	*2,000 00	2,000 00	.....
Totals	$ 8,285 12	$ 8,000 00	$ 285 12

*Amount earned at same rate, 909 months, amounts to $3,181 50.

We therefore recommend that the sum of $285.12 be appropriated to pay deficit for the year 1881-82 to be paid to the several schools as above indicated.

RECAPITULATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REPAIRS.

SCHOOLS.	Amount approp'd.	Amount expend'd.	Amount on hand.
Marshall College	$ 500 00	$ 483 76	$ 16 24
West Liberty Normal School	200 00	.....	200 00
Fairmont Normal School	200 00	.....	200 00
Concord Normal School	200 00	.....	200 00
Glenville Normal School	*400 00	54 28	345 72
Totals	$ 1,500 00	$ 538 04	$ 961 96

*Appropriated 1879.

All of these sums have been expended during the present summer since the reports were made to us.

INSURANCE.

The policies of insurance have all been renewed aggregating the sum of $31,667, the premium on which for three years has been paid out of the appropiation of $475 for that purpose, leaving no balance to the credit of that fund.

REGENTS EXPENSES.

The appropriation of $300 for the expenses of the Regents in their annual visit as required by law, was barely sufficient for the traveling expenses last year, when only part of the members of the Board attended. The sum should be increased.

TEACHERS' SALARIES FOR 1879-80.

There is a considerable balance due the teachers of the Normal

Schools for the year ending in June, 1880, on account of failure of the Legislature of the year before to make the usual appropriation for their maintainance. This matter was called to the attention of the last Legislature by your Excellency and we deem it important for the good faith of the State, though not technically bound to pay, to make provision for its faithful servants who have done the State most valuable service. There is nothing defective or dishonest about the claims of these teachers. They are just claims and should be paid. The sum amounts to less than $5,000.

FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

We recommend an appropriation of $12,000 for the support of the Normal Schools for the year ending September 30, 1883; a like sum for the year ending September 30, 1884, and the sum of $6,000 for half the year ending September 30, 1885, to be paid under the provisions of the present general law on the subject. It is very important to have appropriations made in advance as it is difficult to induce teachers to engage their services where the pay is uncertain, and, when it is paid, comes at the close of the year. It should be paid quarterly.

RECAPITULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

For the support of the Normal School and its branches for the year ending September 30, 1883	$ 12,000 00
For same for the year ending September 30, 1884	12,000 00
For same for first half of year ending September 30, 1885	6,000 00
For deficit for the year ending September 30, 1882	285 12

EXPENSE OF REGENTS.

For expenses of Regents	800 00

REPAIRS.

For Marshall College	$ 300 00
For Shepherd College	500 00

CASES AND APPARATUS.

Fairmont Normal School	$ 200 00
Shepherd College	200 00
Concord Normal School	200 00

FOR PURCHASE OF TEXT BOOKS.

For purchase of text books for use of the Normal pupils in the several schools	$ 600 00

A sufficient sum to pay balance of teachers' salaries for the year ending September 30, 1880.

With the fair treatment inaugurated by the last Legislature these schools have largely increased their enrollment and attendance. These schools gather in that class of our young people who are reared to work for themselves and to make their own way in the world. From this class come the majority of the leaders in all departments of life,

and the State is fortunate when it binds such a citizenship to it by the ties of gratitude, awakened by the opportunity afforded its hard-working youth to acquire a position and a competence. We heartily commend these schools to the fostering care of the State, believing as we do, that no money expended for education in the State brings a more valuable or immediate return.

We call attention to the printed catalogues of the schools for additional aud detailed information.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

B. L. BUTCHER,
President Board of Regents.